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FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2501

INFO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: JRA TERRORISTS

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1. EMBASSY DELIVERED NOTE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY
AS PER REFTEL ON SEPT 11.

2. FOLLOWING UP DEMARCHE MADE TO LIBYAN AMBASSADOR
IN TOKYO, ON SEPT 11 JAPANESE AMBASSADOR SAW
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR UNDERSECRETARY BELGASEM, WHO
GAVE HIM FIRST AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT OF LIBYAN
INTENTIONS RE TEN TERRORISTS. BELGASEM ASSURED
JAPANESE AMBASSADOR THAT TERRORISTS WERE STILL
IN LIBYAN CUSTODY AND WOULD BE KEPT IN CUSTODY
UNTIL END OF OCTOBER AT LEAST. BELGASEM GAVE NO
INDICATION OF LIBYAN PLANS FOR TERRORISTS AFTER
THAT DATE.

3. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR ASKED BELGASEM ABOUT
PASSPORTS WHICH TERRORISTS STOLE FROM SWEDISH AND
U.S. EMBASSIES IN KUALA LUMPUR. BELGASEM REACTED AS
THOUGH HE HAD NOT KNOWN ANY PASSPORTS WERE
MISSING. HE SAID THE MEN HAD BEEN SEARCHED ON
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THEIR ARRIVAL HERE, AND THAT NO PASSPORTS

HAD BEEN FOUND. HE ASKED FOR DETAILS, AND JAPANESE
AMBASSADOR PROMISED TO GIVE HIM A COMPLETE
ACCOUNTING OF PASSPORTS INVOLVED (HE HAS RECEIVED
A LIST FROM TOKYO.)

4. SWEDISH CHARGE ALSO DELIVERED A NOTE TO
THE MFA DIRECTOR OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS SEPT 4 ASKING
FOR THE RETURN OF ANY PASSPORTS IN LIBYAN POSSESSION
STOLEN FROM SWEDISH EMBASSY "WITHOUT DELAY." REACTION
OF MFA OFFICIAL WAS NONCOMMITTAL AND DEFENSIVE.

5. WE DO NOT PLAN TO FOLLOW UP OUR OWN NOTE IN
PERSON FOR TIME BEING, SINCE JAPANESE NOW SEEM
TO BE TAKING LEADING ROLE IN MATTER, AND THIS
IS AS IT SHOULD BE.
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